GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1077
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2002
COLLECTION OF ENTRY TAX
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam is finalising tenders for collection of entry tax at four check posts located around Guwahati, both for commercial and private vehicles at National Highway No. 37;

(b) if so, whether the National Highway Authority Act, 1956 (Amended in 1977) provides for free movement of vehicles on National Highways;

(c) if so, whether this move by the Government of Assam is likely to cause untold hardship and financial burden on commercial and private vehicles using National Highway No. 37; and

(d) if so, the remedial action the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS[MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI]

(a) The Government of Assam have intimated that Guwahati Municipal Corporationhave already finalized tenders for collection of entry toll from commercial vehicles only at four check gates located around Guwahati. Out of these four locations, three are on National Highways -two on National Highway 37 and one on National Highway 31.

(b): As per the policy of the Government, no check barriers/gates are permitted on National Highways except for temporary barriers erected for security reasons and in the event of natural calamities, with the prior permission of the Central Government. In case where these are required to be erected by the local authorities for raising revenue, these have to be provided out side the right of way of National Highway so as to avoid hindrance to through traffic.

(c)&(d): The matter relating to levying of entry tax concerns State Government.However, the State Government of Assam have already been advised to remove all check gates on National Highways including those on National Highways mentioned above.